

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1940

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: WILLIAM WERNEKE

Dear Sir:

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*W. J. Blacky*  
*William Werneke*

WILLIAM WERNEKE called at the Chicago Field Office on February 13, 1940 and stated that he had just left the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago where he had been subpoenaed by the United States Attorney to appear before that Body; that he personally did not know the exact purpose of his being brought before the Federal Grand Jury other than when taken before same they questioned him in connection with any anti-Semitic actions he might have been involved in and in particular his connection or relationship with FATHER COUGHLIN of Detroit, Michigan. Regarding this, WERNEKE stated that on one occasion he did meet and talk with FATHER COUGHLIN and he was well acquainted with several of the friends and acquaintances of FATHER COUGHLIN and has also listened to his various radio talks.

WERNEKE stated that he is a member of what is known as the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organization of Chicago, a Corporation of which the following officers are now in charge:

WILLIAM WERNEKE, President (resides with mother, MRS. MARTHA WERNEKE at 6250 S. Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill., telephone Briargate 4767)  
MR. B. BLACKY, Secretary (resides somewhere on Cleveland Avenue in Chicago, the exact address which he did not know).

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He advised the purposes of this committee were to protect the United States Constitution, to love and protect our Country, to love and protect the American flag and to engage in all other activities in furtherance of the various phases set out above. WERNEKE stated also that while he is not a member of the Christian Front Organization, the only thing that he knew about it was what he had read in the newspapers and the newspaper edited by FATHER COUGHLIN known as "Social Justice". He stated that from time to time

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for the past year and one-half or two years he has corresponded with the Silver Shirt Organization and the Pelley Publishing Company, from which company he has from time to time purchased various books and pamphlets; that he is not a member of the Pelley Organization; that the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organization of Chicago have no office but receive their mail through Post Office Box 3620 in the Merchandise Mart Building; that in addition MR. WERNEKE stated that he owned a farm about two miles west of Wadsworth, Ill. where he has 14 saddle horses. He stated these saddle horses are really race horses but that due to the lack of sufficient funds, he is unable to use these horses at various race tracks; that in addition thereto he is a member of the National Rifle Association and has from time to time for several years past purchased a quantity of rifles some of which he keeps at the farm and the rest of which he keeps at his residence, 6250 S. Wayne Avenue.

MR. WERNEKE advised that on February 3, 1940 he took the negative part in a debate with WILLIAM GELLERMAN, a Professor of the Northwestern University who took the affirmative side of the debate on "Is Father Coughlin a Danger to America?"; that this debate was given under the auspices of Montparnasse, an Organization that meets regularly at the Skyline Athletic Club located at 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago; that at this debate about 99 per cent of the audience were of the Jewish nationality and in defending FATHER COUGHLIN, WERNEKE stated that he was all but mobbed by the audience; that he was "booed" continuously and it was almost impossible for him to assume the negative part in the debate. He stated from what he could learn of the Montparnasse, it was composed entirely of the Jewish nationality consisting of those that had more or less of a radical tendency.

As to the exact purpose of his being subpoenaed by the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, WERNEKE stated he could not understand why he was called but believed that it was at the suggestion or request of the Anti-Defamation League; that he has been accused of having a rifle range on his farm and that he was training a Fascist Army there and also that his farm was used for training what is known as Storm Troops. This WERNEKE emphatically denied stating, however, that some time during the summer of 1939 he invited several of his friends out to the farm. They set up some targets and shot

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with the rifles during the entire afternoon. After the shooting was completed, the targets were removed; that also about a year to a year and one-half ago a large number of Jewish people with baseball bats stormed his farm and did bodily harm to anyone they happened to find at the farm at that particular time; that since that time, the sheriff, TOM KENNEDY of Waukegan, Illinois, Lake County, has been making frequent trips possibly two or three times a week out to the farm to see that no harm came to anyone who might be living there or visiting the farm.

WERNEKE'S mission to the office, he stated, was to request that this Bureau make an inspection of the farm to prove that he did not have any rifle range or any range of any sort on his farm premises. He was informed by Special Agent T. F. MULLEN of this office that the Bureau could not do this. He further stated that any additional information about him could be learned through Sheriff KENNEDY at Waukegan in connection with the possible destruction of his farm property. He further volunteered the information that the Chicago headquarters of the Silver Shirt Organization was located in the Mystic Book Shop in the Kimball Building on Jackson Boulevard and Wabash Avenue in Chicago; that HUGO EGER operates this book shop and claims to be the head of the Pelley Organization in Chicago. He stated that MR. EGER was one of the other witnesses who had been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury. Another witness to appear before this Grand Jury was HOMER MERTZ who was recently convicted and sentenced to serve ten years in the Illinois State Penitentiary in connection with the alleged breaking of windows in the Goldblatt Brothers store located at Chicago Avenue and Ashland. He also remembered another witness by the name of RAYMOND HEALY but either could not or would not give any information concerning him.

*card made  
W.A.H.*

The following information or data was furnished the Bureau on September 11, 1939 in connection with WILLIAM WERNEKE and his mother, MARTHA WERNEKE:

WERNEKE, William L. and Martha  
6250 Wayne  
Chicago, Illinois

Promoters of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations,  
which holds meetings at the Veni Veni Bldg., 876 N. Wells

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St., Chicago, Ill. This bldg. is owned by Mrs. CLARA  
WERNEKE. MARTHA WERNEKE is also member of Modern Problems  
Committee. Additional information of subject:

Farm:

Newport Township, adjoining (Onwentsia Club Property)  
about one mile east of Millburn (Route #5).  
Farm - with 5 or 6 white barns; 1 house; 3 or 4 sheds;  
2 or 3 dogs; 13 saddle horses; Chevrolet Tudor - black  
1937. Married, no children. Has 1 farm hand.

Wife:

19-20 yrs. of age, dark complexion, dark hair; 5'4";  
weight 105 lbs.

Personal Description of subject:

Age: 32 years. Height: 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Weight: 205 lbs.; black  
hair. Florid complexion. Full lips. High school edu-  
cation, member of the following organizations:  
Silver Shirts; White Camellis; Irish American Patriots;  
German American Bund; \_\_\_\_\_ Vigilantes; Chairman  
of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations. Originator  
Hiawatha Gun Club.  
Believed to have been arrested in recent Silver Shirt riots  
in Chicago. He is son of MRS. WERNEKE employed by Standard  
Oil Co. in Chicago.

Discreet inquiry will be made for the purpose of ascer-  
taining if possible the nature of the Grand Jury investigation  
now being conducted by the United States Attorney's office at  
Chicago and as soon as this is learned, the Bureau will be notified.

Very truly yours,



W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 15, 1940

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: SUBVERSIVE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Chicago personal and confidential letter to the Bureau dated February 14, 1940, which was captioned WILLIAM WERNEKE.

I wish to advise that Agents of the Chicago office have received information from various sources around the Federal Building concerning persons who were subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury at which time they were questioned concerning their activities and connections. It has been determined that this matter was presented to the Grand Jury by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] who, as the Bureau knows, acts somewhat in the capacity of confidential secretary to United States Attorney WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL. The following persons were subpoenaed for appearance in connection with the case entitled United States vs. CASSIDY, et al, Title 18, Section 6, U. S. Code:

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Meador	.....
Mr. McIntire	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Tour Room	.....
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Pers. Files	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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\*The Bureau has been furnished previous information concerning these individuals.

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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

It is believed that these individuals were called in or subpoenaed telephonically, although this has not been verified.

The Bureau will understand that no effort was made to contact these witnesses; however, all information was obtained from WILLIAM WERNEKE when he voluntarily appeared at the Chicago office at which time he indicated he was under the impression that the F.B.I. had made an investigation and that as a result of this he was subpoenaed before the Grand Jury.

11 The best information which has been obtained at this time indicates that O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant Attorney General, stated that he wanted the testimony of these persons transcribed and forwarded to Brooklyn. A check at the United States Clerk's office reflects no indictment has been returned to date and it appears that none was intended, although this cannot be definitely stated inasmuch as it is the policy of the United States Attorney at Chicago to have the actual indictment signed by MR. WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL himself and it is known that he is presently out of the city. Therefore, if a true bill were returned against any or all of these persons, this office could not verify same until it was made a matter of record in the United States District Court or until information could be obtained informally and unofficially from a member of Mr. CAMPBELL'S office.

No direct inquiry has been made at the office of the United States Attorney and none is contemplated in the absence of contrary instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

William Wernecke who's  
address is 3091 La Salle  
St. is a spy for the Nazi  
Government.

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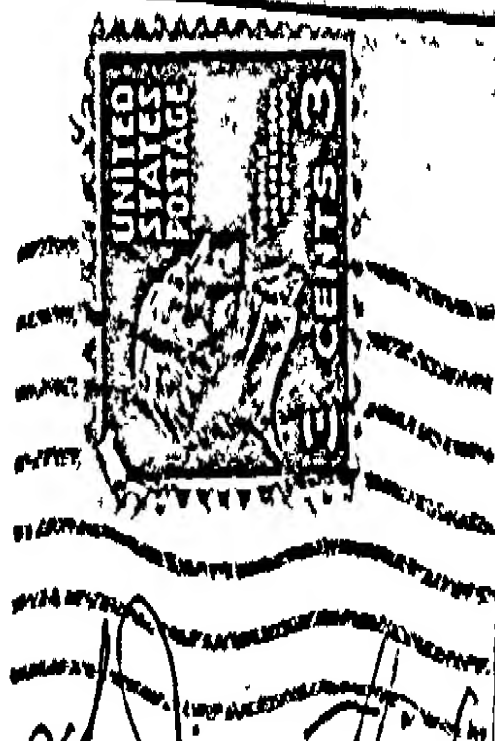
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WILLIAM WERNECKE ETAL ESPIONAGE. BUREAU FILES CONTAIN INFORMATION ON SUBJECT, REPUTED TO BE SECRETARY OF THE NAZI BUND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND WELL KNOWN FOR HIS ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES. INFORMANT EMPLOYED BY HIM AT FARM NEAR MILBURN ILLINOIS, ADVISES THAT PRO-GERMAN GROUPS MEET THERE AND THAT A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF DYNAMITE AND RIFLES IS LOCATED AT THE FARM. THEY ARE PRESENTLY MOVING TO NEW FARM AT SIX HUNDRED WAUKEGAN ROAD, ILLINOIS. COMPLAINTS ON THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT WAUKEGAN AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS, INDICATING THAT IT IS MORE OR LESS COMMON GOSSIP THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE BUND MEMBERS. FACTS AS ABOVE OUTLINED NOT CAPABLE OF VERIFICATION AS YET DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS IN PROCESS OF BEING MOVED. CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH INFORMANT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIVE STEPS BEING TAKEN. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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April 25, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

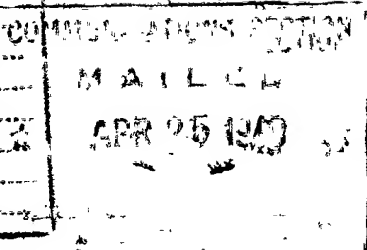
There is quoted below, for your information, an anonymous communication alleging that William Wernecke, 30 North LaSalle Street, is a spy for the Nazi Government, which was received in an envelope postmarked April 10, 1940, at Chicago, Illinois.

"William Wernecke who's address is 30 N. LaSalle St. is a spy for the Nazi Government."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Egan  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. London  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy



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E. X. HUMPHREY  
SUPERVISOR

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

May 15, 1940

Mr. Ernest J. Kruetgen,  
Postmaster,  
New Post Office Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Will you place a cover on all mail addressed to  
the Wernocke family at 6250 Wayne Avenue for a period of  
thirty days?

When replying, please refer to our file #65-582.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

May 23, 1940

Postmaster  
Lake Forest, Illinois

Re: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, alias "Hitler";  
MRS. WERNECKE, alias "Mrs. Van Ribbentrop";  
ERNEST SCHARF, alias "Goering"; MARCELLA,  
alias "MOUSIE", FRANZ, YACQUI. ESPIONAGE

Dear Sir:

Please place a cover on all mail addressed  
to William L. Wernecke and other families at 600  
Waukegan Road, for a period of thirty days.

When forwarding tracings, kindly refer to  
our file No. 65-582.

Very truly yours,

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W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

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*W. J. Wolfe*

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WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, WAC. ESPIONAGE. NEWS STORY RELATED TO BUREAU  
TELEPHONICALLY YESTERDAY APPEARED IN DAILY NEWS AND CHICAGO TIMES  
THIS DATE. FACTS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU.

W. J. DEVEREAUX

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois  
October 21, 1940

Hon. William J. Campbell  
United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated October 14, 1940, with which letter you transmitted a copy of transcript of testimony taken before the February term of the 1940 grand jury.

Very truly yours

W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

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WILLIAM L. WERNECKE,  
with alias, et al  
ESPIONAGE

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Chicago, Illinois  
November 18, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE,  
et al; ESPIONAGE.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your inquiry concerning [REDACTED] b7D  
I wish to advise that this individual at no time  
has been authorized to inform that he is working  
with this Office. This individual has on past  
occasions furnished some smattering of information  
relative to the above entitled case. Most of his  
information has been found to be unreliable.

He advised Special Agent (A) Robert E. Lee of this  
Office that he was contemplating proceeding to Memphis,  
Tennessee in the near future inasmuch as he had  
obtained a position in a power plant in that vicinity.  
He inquired as to whether it would be proper for him  
to contact the Memphis Office and offer his services.  
He was advised it would be proper for him to present  
himself to the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis  
Office, but under no circumstances was he authorized  
to approach the Memphis Office having in mind obtaining  
their assistance relative to gaining employment.

Very truly yours

WSD:IAJ  
65-582

cc Bureau

W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

WILLIAM STEWART  
GERMAN LITERATURE AND PROPAGANDA  
INTERNAL SECURITY; REGISTRATION ACT

The above individual had German propaganda addressed  
to him at the following address:

6250 Weymouth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Please handle the investigation in compliance  
with the attached cover letter.

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WERNECKE, WILLIAM L.

GERMAN

6250 South Wayne Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

600 Waukegan Road

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Attends Bund meetings but denies he is a Bund member. Reported to drill pro-German groups at his old farm near Wilbern, Illinois. Also reported to have stored considerable quantity of dynamite and rifles on his farm. Well known for anti-Semitic activities and is in possession of propaganda leaflets expressing these convictions. Has had conference with Father Coughlin. Was examined by Federal Grand Jury at Chicago in Feb. 1940 regarding anti-Semitic actions and his connection with Father Coughlin. Is president of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organization of Chicago, which he claims to be 100% American. (Believed to be native born American.) (Anti Defamation League, 4/28/40; Tom Rixon, James Simpson, Jr. Estate, Gurnee, Ill., 5/4/40; William L. Wernecke, in interview at Chicago office 2/13/40; Edward and Emily Strope, 226 Scott St., Chicago 6/11/40; Harry Krausare, 717 North Dearborn St., Chicago; 100-2-161). (61-8118-1, 2).

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Distributed circulars advertising meetings to be held by the "Silver Shirt Legion of America" and is reported to be the individual in charge of the Silver Shirt Legion in Chicago, Ill. (Jack R. Brown, chief investigator of the Illinois Vigilance Ass'n., 10-31-39; 61-7560-3510).

Post Office box of the Gentile Workers Party of America, P.O. Box 3620, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill., taken out by William Wernecke, care of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, a pro Father Coughlin committee which Wernecke organized. Believed that Wernecke financed the Gentile Workers Party. (Anti-Defamation League, 11-27-39; 61-7559-5789).

Dies Committee subpoena served on Wernecke Oct. 2, 1939; (Chief Deputy Marshal Joe Tobin, Chicago, Ill.; 10-2-39; 61-7582-167).

Wernecke's home searched by Bureau Agent 11-10-39, and thirteen booklets and four handbills found. Contained articles by Pelley and other known radicals and copies of Hitler's speeches. (Chicago letter to Bureau dated 11-21-39; 61-7560-3946).

Received German propaganda through the Port of Philadelphia from H. R. Hoffman, Starnberg, Bavaria, Germany. (David Mac Farlane, in charge of Customs Inspectors,

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**WERNECKE, WILLIAM L.**

**Philadelphia, Pa., 2-1-40; 71-7603-253).**

Most of his time is spent in the office of Newton Jenkins, who directed the Coughlin-Lemke Presidential campaign and who made a hurried trip to Germany in January, 1939, for a conference with Goebbles (Article in The New Masses Magazine by John L. Spivak, 12-19-39 issue; 65-4279-637).

Reputed to be secretary of Nazi Bund in Chicago. Attended meeting of German-American Bund at Germania Hall, Chicago on Feb. 23, 1938 and at this meeting caused the arrest of Dr. Von Schroetter, John Fischer and Ray Pauly. All the individuals were arrested and when called before Judge Gordon, Wernecke denied he was a member of the Bund although he was defended by an attorney apparently engaged by the Bund. In May 1938 Wernecke appeared before Judge Holland at Chicago and made a complaint against the editor of "Ken" Magazine on the charge of circulating indecent literature; the charge was made in the name of the German-American Bund. Has traveled to New York on several occasions to meet Fritz J. Kuhn and thereafter made several addresses to Bund meetings. (Reports of Anti-Defamation League in Report of SA R. E. Lee, Chicago, 5-6-40, 61-8118-5; O. C. Dewey, former Special Agent FBI. 5/29/40 61-8118-13)

Wernecke's farm on Wadsworth Rd. outside of Milburn, Ill. is meeting place for

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Germans who address each other by names of German leaders. Wernecke being known as 'Hitler', Ed and Emily Strope, former employees of Wernecke, were discharged because they refused to join the Bund. (Harry Krausare, 717 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, 4-28-40; 61-8118-5; Ed and Emily Strope, 226 Scott St., Chicago, 5-15-40; 61-8118-6, 10).

Wernecke has two German flags in his home and neighbors state Bund meetings usually held there on Sunday nights, at which time the men drill and have target practice at 500 yards (Prentiss Porter, 1007 First National Bank Bldg. Chicago, through O. C. Dewey, former Special Agent FBI, 5-29-40; 61-8118-13). J. A. H.

WERNECKE, MRS. MARTHA  
6250 Wayne Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 1-20-41

GERMAN

Mother of William Bernard Wernecke, militant anti-Semitic leader in Chicago, Illinois, and co-organizer with her son of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organization, an anti-Semitic organization. (Records of Anti-Defamation League of "B'Nai B'Rith", Chicago, Illinois, 61-7559-5789-33; 61-7559-5789; 61-8118. For additional information see card on William Bernard Wernecke.) J. C. M.

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